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Microsoft cannot be allowed to continue bullying the software and hardware manufacturers of this country. And this recent settlement that forces Microsoft to give hardware and software to schools is absolutely the stupidest idea I ever heard of! This only ENCOURAGES them to keep doing things "their" way. It also gives them a NEW foothold into areas where they don't already have a demanding lead. If you want to improve schools AND punish Microsoft for their flagrant abuse of their power, make them pay \$1 Billion to each and every state in the Union for the purpose of improving schools HOWEVER THE STATE SEES FIT. If the states want to use the money to build new classrooms, or give teachers raises or buy Apple computers and software for their students, that is up to them. Microsoft should not get any kind of tax deduction from it or any kind of say in what the money would be used for. They need to be punished and I don't mean "minimum security country club federal prison" type punishment either. If the courts aren't going to do the right thing and split up the biggest monopoly since AT&T, then they should penalize them severely.

As a computer user, I am severely impacted by Microsoft's abuse of power and unfair practices. I am not alone. Every computer user in this country is affected the same way.

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